

OWOSSO CABLE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMISSION

APRIL 14, 2008

5:03 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: CITY CLERK AMY K. KOHAGEN

PRESENT: Commissioners Steven Flayer, Burton Fox, Martha Hornus, Greg Klapko, Renita Mikolajczyk, Paula Perry, Jessica Thompson, and Michael Tillotson.

ABSENT: Commissioner Jon Hagel.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Flayer to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion supported by Commissioner Perry and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2008

Motion by Commissioner Flayer to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2008 as presented.

Motion supported by Commissioner Klapko and concurred in by unanimous vote.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Each Commissioner gave their thoughts on the purpose and future of the cable access channels prior to the election of leaders.

Motion by Commissioner Hornus to nominate Commissioner Flayer for Chairperson.

Motion supported by Commissioner Mikolajczyk.

There were no further nominations.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Commissioners Flayer, Hardwick, Hornus, Klapko, Mikolajczyk, Perry, Thompson, and Tillotson.

NAYS: None.

Prior to the election of the Vice Chairperson it was agreed the Commission would hold an annual organizational meeting in July of each year.

Motion by Commissioner Tillotson to nominate Commissioner Perry for Vice Chairperson.

Motion supported by Commissioner Flayer.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Commissioners Hardwick, Klapko, Mikolajczyk, Perry, Thompson, Tillotson, and Chairperson Flayer.

NAYS: Commissioner Hornus.

DISCUSSION OF SHORT TERM PLANS

There was extensive discussion regarding the following: equitable access for all cable producers, available time for programming on Wednesdays, trading time between OPAC, KoK , and the City to provide more equitable program playback, taking advantage of the expertise offered by various Commission members, funding, future equipment and staffing needs, approaching City Council for funding, collection of overdue franchise fees, advertisement of available programming opportunities, possible volunteer/internship positions, and the availability of equipment owned by Baker College and the school system.

Commissioner Hardwick agreed to develop a list of equipment needed to provide programming for 24 hours, Commissioner Thompson will provide an inventory of all producing/broadcasting equipment owned by the school system, Commissioner Klapko and Chairperson Flayer agreed to check the availability of old computers at their respective institutions for possible donation to the cable access channel.

The Commission directed staff to place the issue on the May agenda for further discussion.

DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMMING RULES

Chairperson Flayer presented his suggestions for programming rules to the Commission. There was brief discussion regarding amending the rules as the organization grows.

Motion by Commissioner Klapko to table the issue due to a lack of time for discussion.

Motion supported by Commissioner Hardwick and concurred in by unanimous vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Rebecca Malek suggested the school system could take advantage of Commissioner Tillotson's experience as a producer to teach students about the equipment necessary to produce a program. She also thanked OPAC and KoK for providing programming to the community for the last number of years.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Perry for adjournment at 6:45 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilperson Hardwick and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk